Gauge conversion of Gorakhpur-Gonda Rail Line

106. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested for early conversion of Gorakhpur-Gonda Rail Line into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to complete the project within a time bound programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A survey has been taken up. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report is available.

Railway Co-ordination Committee proposals for Mumbai

107. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals made by Railway Co-ordination Committee for improvement of services in respect of Mumbai Metropolitan region; and

(b) the action taken on each of their proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) There are 14 proposals for improvements of suburban train services for Mumbai Metropolitan Region. The proposals and their present position is as under:—

	PROPOSAL	STATUS
1.	Quadrupling of Borivali-Virar Section—If the work of this project cannot be succefully executed through BOLT Scheme, the project should be taken through normal channel of Railway Budget.	The suggestion has been noted.
2.	Runnning of shuttle between Virar-Dahanu Road Diva-Vasai on all the 7 days of week.	Central Railway has introduced shuttle services in Diva-Vasai section on all the 7 days and Western Railways is considering the matter in respect of Virar-Dahanu section.
3.	Installation of automatic washing plants for new EMUs at Sanpada Carshed.	Action has already been initiated for provision of washing plant for new EMUs at Sanpada Carshed.
4.	Removal of encroachments from the safety operating zone and giving N.O.C. for providing civic amenities to the encroachers.	The encroachers have to first shift from the safety operating zone for which the State Govt. has to take appropriate action. After the shifting of encroachers beyond the safety zone, Railway will consider the issue of giving 'No Objection Certificate' to provide civic amenities at the request of State Govt. subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. No such request is pending with the Railway.
5.	Removal of unauthorised vendors/ hawkers on the foot over bridges and road over bridges leading to railway	There are number of FOBs and ROBs within the railway land and also outside the railway land for the access by the commuters to the Railway